

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (current amended) A spice grinder comprising:

a first static component which includes means by which said first static component can be attached to a neck of a container wherein said first static component includes a first set of teeth;

a second rotatable component which fits on said first static component wherein said second rotatable component includes a second set of teeth;

said first static component ~~having~~ forming a tapering bore ~~with~~ between said first set of teeth projecting inwardly from a surface of said first static component and said second set of teeth projecting inwardly from said second rotatable component ~~tapering bore~~;

said second rotatable component having ~~a toothed portion~~ said second set of teeth thereof in said tapering bore wherein grinding takes place in a gap between said first set of teeth of said first static component and said ~~toothed portion~~ second set of teeth of said second component upon said second rotatable component being rotated with respect to said first static component;

~~said first static component and said second rotatable component both configured with interlocking circumferentially extending ribs and grooves which permit said second rotatable component to be moved axially with respect to said first static component and said second rotatable component comprising a first circumferentially extending groove, a second circumferentially extending groove spaced axially from said first circumferentially extending groove and parallel thereto and said first static component comprising a circumferentially extending rib which, upon said first static component and said second rotatable component are displaced axially relatively to one another, which leaves said circumferentially extending groove in which it is seated and snaps into said second~~

circumferentially extending groove and is located in an adjusted position to vary a spacing between said toothed portion of said second rotatable component and said teeth of the first static component.

2. (original) The spice grinder as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second rotatable component includes a spider comprising spokes with openings therebetween and a cone which constitutes a center of said spider, said spokes extending outwardly from said cone, and said toothed portion of said second rotatable component being on an outer surface of said cone.
3. (original) The spice grinder as claimed in claim 2, wherein said cone comprises four equally spaced teeth on said outer surface of said cone.
4. (original) The spice grinder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said teeth of said first static component are on an inner surface of a tapering sleeve.
5. (original) The spice grinder as claimed in claim 4, wherein said teeth of said first static component comprise raised ribs extending along said inner surface wherein each rib is bounded by two intersecting surfaces of unequal width wherein, in axial view, said inner surface is serrated.